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Two Christmas

....Eves



CHRISTMAS amid the mountains of Armenia. The scene of our story is a little oriental village, in 189—, nestled amid the rugged cliffs at the head of a smiling valley. The sight of the hamlet was a ray of sunshine running up the mountain-side into a rocky pass, as though the great valley opening beyond had been whitened to a narrow point that it might penetrate the hills. Great precipices yawned on either side, and over clinging cliffs which seemed to have grown gray with age, even as the snow on the higher peaks of those ancient mountains, there had for centuries watched over the old world. Near by Mount Ararat, where rested the ark after the flood. It was here Noah tilled his vineyards and the human race begun anew after the floods subsided, for Armenia is one of the oldest lands and its people trace their lineage direct to that Biblical emigrant ship which colonized it when the world was young. From many a quaint, flat-roofed dwelling arose Christmas carols to which soft-voiced echoes sang responsive choruses among the cliffs, and at least one church bell tried bravely, singly and alone, to supply an imitation of Christmas chimes. It was a peaceful picture, upon which the stars twinkled, approvingly as they bespangled the slopes with frost-diamonds and coated countless sparkles from the pallid snow. The Armenians are a devout people, and make much of the Christmas festival. This little hamlet was in many respects not unlike Bethlehem, and near it were many shepherds who guarded their flocks by night, as did those of Judea when the angels sang of peace on earth good will to men.

At the home of Abanazar, the head man of the village, there were quite a number of guests, and the Christmas festivities, decorations of holly and other evergreens, songs of praise and stores which for generations had handed down cherished traditions and legends of Armenia. There were the aged grandfather and grandmother, Abanazar and his good wife, three little girls ranging from six to twelve years old, and Zillah, the 16-year old daughter, with her affianced lover Akhtar, the stalwart young herdsman. She was a beautiful maiden, with regular features, large eyes aglow with love, the small but symmetrical form characteristic of so many women of her race. In her picturesque costume she was marvelously handsome, and her tones were as musical as the tinkling of silver bells or the low notes of Akhtar's flute, to which she sometimes sang a soft accompaniment. The pleasant scene in this home was duplicated in many others that starlit Christmas eve.

Suddenly the scene changed. The church bell rang in sharp, short strokes, a spirited alarm, confusion succeeded calm, and there were excited exclamations and hurrying in hot haste as a rider dashed madly down the one central street, shouting: "Save yourselves, Christians, the Kurds are coming!"

But there was no time. Close upon his tracks came hundreds of swarthy horsemen, turbaned and fierce, with loud Mohammedan maledictions shouted in deep-voiced bawls, and eyes which gleamed like life coals from beneath beaming brows. In a moment pandemonium seemed to have broken loose, the guns spoke sharply, scimitars flashed in silver and turned crimson, and soon the flames from burning buildings cast their lurid glare over an earthly hell wherein fiends held high carnival in shedding innocent blood.

Abanazar and his family, with others gained the church which stood on the edge of a precipice, and there made a brave stand, but it was useless. Breaches were made in the walls, the place carried by a storm, and hundreds slain before the altar dedicated to peace and decorated with Christmas symbols in readiness for the morrow. The floor literally ran in blood, and Zillah in speechless anguish beheld the men of her family and her lover cut down, and women subjected to tortures which chilled her to the soul. With other women and girls she fought heroically, but finally found herself breathless and disarmed in the embrace of Rustem, the huge leader of the Kurds, who had often in days of peace paid her attentions as of tenetpelled.

Suddenly she drew the steel bodkin from her hair, plunged it with unerring aim and the strength born of desperation into the giant's heart, and as he sank to the floor she bounded to the side of the church, seized a lighted taper, opened a trap door in the floor, hurried the light into a supply of powder stored there, and springing through a side door, leaped from a precipice as scores of other women had done within the horrible half hour preceding. There was a flash, a thunderous roar, and the solid church seemed to be heaved high in air, while in the lurid light of the explosion dead bodies of men and women could be seen among the flying fragments, and with them scores of live Kurds struggling as they arose, scorched and blacked, toward the sky. The fragments, human and otherwise, came down again and darkness succeeded. The surviving Kurds butchered all who survived, of the villagers, except the women they bore off as captives, but at the foot of the cliff, they found but the mangled remains of

scores of brave women who had preferred death to slow torture and devilish indignities.

An hour later all was strangely still, burning ruins smoldering with the dull glow of expiring embers marked the graves of hundreds, and the spot on which but a short time before smiled happiness and home. But beautiful Zillah was not dead. She had fallen on the soft bodies of the slain, had much to her surprise found herself but little hurt, and had crawled off into the narrow wooded paths which threaded the mountain fastnesses near all familiar to her. She sought refuge in a mountain shepherd's cave, who at morn visited the village in search for survivors but found none. The fierce Kurd had made sure work of their bloody track.

A few weeks later Zillah, through many hardships, found her way to the seashore, and thence to America; coming to a great western metropolis with other Armenian refugees, where she found shelter with the Armenian colony, which did what it could for these unfortunates, human remnants saved from the furnaces of affliction which consumed so many noble lives in darkened Armenia. Mourning for those she loved, almost despairing, she struggled bravely with her lot, and the sweet faced girl found friends and favor among the free people who pitied her woes and appreciated her faithful work. Patiently she toiled, but her pillow was wet with the tears of sorrow and her heart bled under the stabs of piercing grief. Brave and noble girl! How many like her, pieces of driftwood from the wrecks wrought by Turkish cruelty and fanaticism, have been stranded upon our kinder shores. Zillah turned in prayer toward the God of her fathers and sought at His feet the consolation earth denied. Even prayer cannot heal a broken heart; it can but console and slightly assuage such grief as here.

Christmas eve in the little Armenian colony occupying a corner of a foreign section of the great western city. The hall was decorated for the occasion with the usual evergreens, and oriental hangings served to recall in this modern land the familiar belongings of lost homes among the Armenian mountains. There was a subdued cheerfulness among the people present, a tribute to Christmas, but they could not rejoice loudly with aching voids in so many stricken hearts and the Moslems still oppressing the Christians among the far-off Armenian hills. They sang however, Christmas carols strangely sweet which recalled pictures of forgotten homes, and hymns in which sad minor chords seemed to vibrate with unshed tears. What wonder that real tears welled up from tortured hearts, and that they sparkled in pretty Zillah's mournful eyes? Good will to men peace on earth was not for them, even at Christmas, while Turkish scimitars still flashed forth the lightning of fanatic hates, and innocent blood reddened the soil of far Armenia. There was to be a new arrival of Armenians to-night, and they were to recite at this gathering of their compatriots the story of their adventures and their wrongs. Similar tales had been often repeated by similar refugees, but the stories had a tragic interest ever new, while they recounted renewed horrors and the constantly recurring tragedies which added to the list of the lost, and the grand army of sorrowing survivors. As the coming of the visitors was announced the music ceased and all arose to receive them, the hum of the great city without faintly heard in the hush of expectancy within, and the Christmas chimes from an American church near by ringing cheerily, though soft and subdued, through the frosty air.

The door opened and there marched in the little band who came from the valley of the shadow of death, and first among them Abanazar and Akhtar, the father and lover so long listed among the dead. You should have seen Zillah's beautiful face, transfused, the love-light in her large brown eyes, and heard the musically glad little cry with which she sprang into their arms, snuggling close at last with her plump arms about Akhtar's neck and his stalwart arm encircling her shapely waist. What is ordinary Christmas happiness to such joy as hers, measureless as infinity deep as the sea? Does not love fill even the vast spaces of Heaven? And the men were as deeply moved as the maid, for they had been certain of her death as she of theirs. Precious indeed are these gifts which fate, stern and unrelenting at times, seems to snatch from the dead to reward the love of the living. Never since angels sang at Bethlehem had Christmas seemed gladder to any human soul, than was this memorable Christmas eve to the beautiful Armenian maiden. After the storm the calm. Akhtar and Zillah were wed soon after, and Abanazar became an inmate of their happy home. Under the starry flag which, thank God, tolerates no religious persecution, they live in security, doing their duty as Christian citizens, loving their adopted land with passionate oriental fervor, and contributing as they can toward the needs of those still suffering in the beleaguered home country. They are loyal to the core, but hope the land of their adoption may do something to stay the hate which crimsoned the land of their birth. God grant that their hope be not in vain.

A simple story the annals of lives touched with sorrows deeper than those most of us in these happier lands have known. Remembering our in-

clies at Christmas time, let us not forget the griefs which have burdened and oppressed such as these, but apply to them in fullest measure all that is meant by "good will to men."

To quote from the good old book, which was theirs even before it became ours: These are they who came out of great tribulation, and they washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them into fountains of the water of life; and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Kindergarten Movement.

Preparation for the new education, or the kindergarten age, has been going on silently, but with prophetic force, in many of our American cities and notably in Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, and Cincinnati. It found strong expression at the World's Columbian Exposition. It is a woman's movement in this country, though it has for its end not only the building of individual but of national character. Started as a private charity in Boston, the multiplying schools have been taken under the charge of the School Committee, and the progressive churches are founding kindergarten schools for friendless children in needy streets and neighborhoods. Boston has a noble kindergarten for the blind, Hyde Park, Mass., has three kindergarten Sunday-schools. The once famous "Andover" House, now the "South End House," has just opened a kindergarten school for street children, following the Elizabeth Peabody settlement—a home for mothers and children. Children's sand gardens have been opened in South Boston in summer. Chicago is producing a kindergarten literature, and Boston training-schools of the highest order, one under the charge of Miss Wheelock and another under the direction of Miss Symonds, both women of the genius of the work and of national reputation. New York City has entered into the education with a new inspiration. The almost universal education of children under the Froebel methods seems to be close at hand; it is the new movement of the age. From "The Kindergarten Age," by Hezekiah Butterworth, in December Review of Reviews.

The Art of Eating.

Never sit down at the table with an anxious or disturbed mind; make it a point to lay aside all worry for the time being, and indulge in all the gaily and pleasantly possible during meal time. There was good philosophy in the old time custom of having a buffoon or music at the dinner table.

Never sit down to a meal immediately after an intense mental effort, for physical and mental misery are inevitable, and no one has a right to deliberately injure body or mind.

Never go to a full table during bodily exhaustion—designated by some as being used up, over-done, worn-out, tired to death, and the like. The wisest thing to be done under such circumstances is to take a cracker and a cup of warm tea, and no more. In ten minutes you will feel a degree of refreshment that will be pleasantly surprising to you—not of the transient kind which a glass of liquor affords, but permanent. The tea gives present stimulation and little strength, and before it subsides nutriment begins to draw from the sugar and cream and cracker, thus allowing the body gradually and by safe degrees to regain its usual vigor. A little later a full meal may be taken with benefit instead of injury.

A Few Do's.

Do, when purchasing perfume for the cook, buy a good quality. You will be the one to suffer if it is not.

Do, when taking your sister out, treat her like your best girl.

Do, come to the theatre late, especially when you have seats in the middle row.

Do, when interviewing actresses after a lapse of ten years, tell them they look younger than ever.

Do (for the women), when dining out, go prepared to pay the bill, for in these hard times you never can tell what may happen to your escort's pockets.

Do, when taking the children out for an airing on Sunday, look a little interested.

Do, when it is your girl's birthday, remember it with a present. Otherwise she is likely to transfer her affections to the other fellow.

Do, when dining at the restaurant, help yourself to all the toothpicks on the table. It will save you money.

Tommy: "Did the fowl hurt you, Mr. Jones?"

Mr. Jones: "What do you mean, my dear—what fowl?"

Tommy: "Well, I wanted to know if it hurt, 'cause Mummy said you had been hen-pecked for twenty years."

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Hood's Pills

The House during its first week passed the regular Pension Appropriation bill, several important postal bills, a number of miscellaneous measures and private pension bills, and a bill prohibiting the sale of liquor in the Capital building, and this week another one of the appropriation bills will be reported and probably passed. It is strictly a business body, as has been every House presided over by Speaker Reed.

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Washington Letter

REPUBLICANS have every reason to feel gratified at the outcome of the consultation of Senators and Representatives of the party, which have been a feature of the first week of Congress. With the exception of the few silverbolters of the party and both branches of Congress is a unit as to what is to be done in the near future. Without a majority in the Senate the party is powerless to force tariff or any other legislation at this session or Congress, but the mischievous silver element in the Senate, led by Allen, the Nebraska Populist, have already been taught that the Republican Senators do not intend to lose any opportunities to pass the Dingley bill at the present session. These would-be mischief-makers started out with the mistaken idea that the Republicans were afraid of the Dingley bill and that they could so demonstrate to the country; they may find themselves prepared to go on record as opponents of increasing the revenues of the government before the short session closes, by being forced to vote on the Dingley bill.

The Republican members of the House committee on Ways and Means have once more demonstrated that the Republican party never shirks its responsibilities and always keeps promises made to the people, by deciding to begin at once the preparation of a protective tariff bill, to be passed at the extra session of the next Congress. No man in Congress is better fitted to preside over those preparations than is Chairman Dingley of that Committee, and no man is better fitted to direct the department of Government charged with the administration of the tariff law, should President McKinley see fit to make him his Secretary of the Treasury, as many believe he will. There are probably not twenty men in the country who are so well posted on the tariff as Mr. Dingley is, and this is especially fortunate both for the Republican party, as it is the intention to make the new tariff bill the best we have ever had no catering in favorite industries, as the present law does, but equitable protection for all, and the same time revenue enough to meet the needs of the government. It is in a sense an innovation for the Ways and Means Committee of one House to prepare a bill for the next House, but it happens to be all right in this case, as every Republican member of the present committee has been re-elected to the next House without Republican opposition.

The Ways and Means Committee has already held a formal meeting and assigned the work of preparing the bill to the individual members of the Committee best fitted to handle them, and hearings of the Representatives of different industries will at once be arranged for. One of the mistakes of the past which will be avoided by the new bill will be the heavy importations of foreign goods and the consequent injury of our own manufacturers and working men. This will be done by providing that dutiable goods in bonded ware-houses at the date upon which the new bill will be a law shall pay duty under the new and not the old law.

No one was greatly surprised when certain Democratic Senators—sixteen of them—tried to kill the bill for the landing of any immigrant between the ages of 16 and 60 years who is unable to read five lines of the U. S. Constitution in some printed language, postponing its consideration until January. But the decisive manner in which these Senators, working in the interest of Steamship Companies rather than to raise the standard of our foreign born citizens, were set upon by thirty-seven Senators indicates all too certainly that the bill will be passed before the holiday recess.

The House during its first week passed the regular Pension Appropriation bill, several important postal bills, a number of miscellaneous measures and private pension bills, and a bill prohibiting the sale of

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MAILS CLOSE.
Going north, 7:30 a. m., 10:15 a. m., 4:00 p. m.
Going south, 7:30 a. m., 10:15 a. m., 4:00 p. m.
Pouch to Wilmington and Philadelphia.
For Delaware, 7:30 a. m., 10:15 a. m., 4:00 p. m.
For Philadelphia, 7:30 a. m., 10:15 a. m., 4:00 p. m.
For New York, 7:30 a. m., 10:15 a. m., 4:00 p. m.

THE CHURCHES IN MIDDLETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 9:30 a. m. A. G. C. Junior Epworth League. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening, 7:30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cade every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at 8 o'clock. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Miss Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2:30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10:30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7:30 o'clock. Sabbath School held every Sabbath morning at 9:30 o'clock. H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening, 7:30 o'clock. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League Christian Endeavor every Sunday after 8 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10:30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7:30 a. m. Divine services every Wednesday evening, 7:30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 8:30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 6:45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 7:30 p. m. The Ladies Aid Society meets every Friday at 2 p. m. The Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7:30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 2 p. m.

LOOK AT YOUR LABEL

The printed label on your paper shows the date to which your subscription is paid. The subscription price of the paper is a dollar a year, at the same rate for a longer or shorter time. Bills are sent out every six months, in the paper as the postal law allows, but this is some expense and considerable trouble, and it would be a favor if every subscriber who is delinquent for a longer or shorter time would not wait for bills. How many will act on the suggestion?

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., DEC. 19, 1896

Local News.

—For choice white grapes go to Connelley's.

—They that govern must make the least noise.

—Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Remedy, it cures, 25 cents.

—What makes life so dreary is want of motive.

—Try some of Orrell's groceries, beans, hominy and cranberries.

—Troubles, like babies, grow larger by nursing.

—For Poultry, Apples and Sweet Potatoes go to Connelley.

—A spam of virtue gives a man about the right fit.

—Small 2 lbs. chickens and under wanted by Green Bros., Odessa, Del.

—Most people like to be called had in a laughing way.

—Foreign and domestic fruits, oranges, bananas, apples, figs, dates and raisins at Orrell's.

—Even the milk of human kindness is sometimes watered.

—Mrs. C. M. Stanger has put in a line of confections, Biscuits, Cakes, Pastries and Nut Cakes for Christmas.

—Too many people would rather have glory than goodness.

—Ice Cream in quantity or served by the plate always at Jones'. Special for Holiday trade.

—Adversity borrows its sharpest sting from our impatience.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural implements on hand.

—Never be security for more than you are quite willing to lose.

—All kinds of mixtures, nut candies and choice confections at Orrell's.

—In persons grafted in a serious trust negligence is a crime.

—Call and see our display of Wright's Triple Extracts in cut glass bottles in fancy boxes, all odors. VAUGHAN'S PHARMACY.

—That which makes children happy often makes old people tired.

—Candies and Nuts; Fresh Fruit for Fruit Cakes at W. T. Connelley's.

—The good taste of to-day will be the bad taste of to-morrow.

—The choicest meats and poultry at Orrell's in his new department. Try some of it.

—Make life a minister of love and it will always be worth living.

—Mrs. A. M. McKee has begun her mid-winter reduction sale of millinery goods. Prices greatly reduced.

—For the choicest Candies call at Jones'.

—Everything so neat and inviting.

—Best Canned Goods and Evaporated Fruit of all kinds at W. T. Connelley's.

—Bicycles are having a rest and the horses are getting an inning or better, an outing.

—For an imported good Tooth Brush, Hair Brushes, Nail Brushes, Thermometers, etc. Call at Vaughan's Pharmacy.

—Rev. Dr. James M. Buckley will fill Grace M. E. pulpit in Wilmington, to-morrow.

—Fine Foreign and Domestic Fruits at reasonable prices at Jones'. Just what you want.

—Mr. John H. Clendaniel, of near Kennedyville, shot and killed twenty-six crows at two shots on Wednesday.

—For Wright's Sachets, Toilet Waters etc., we can supply in all odors.

—VAUGHAN'S PHARMACY.

—Tell the public who you are where you are and what you are. "Money talks," so does good advertising.

—For Sale—20 Horse Power Engine and Boiler all complete with brass fittings; also large iron feed mill for sale for want of use; a bargain at \$125.00. Address J. T. Stoops, New Castle, Del.

—The first ingredient in conversation is truth; the next, good nature; the third, humor; and the fourth, wit.

—Don't you want a Toilet Atomizer? Can you give a prettier Xmas gift? We can please you in style and colors. Watch our window display. VAUGHAN'S PHARMACY.

—We are accustomed to discount the promises of God in a way that would utterly dishonor any fellow-being.

—Many rejoice that they ever heard of "Goldie's," that well-known Wilmington (Del.) Commercial and Shorthand College. Its short, practical courses trained these young people for good positions.

—Do not feel faint. You can always look around you and see some fellow being that would be thankful if he were in your place.

—For nuts, raisins and all kinds of dried fruits go to Saterfield's, on North Broad Street. He has very nice mixtures from 8 cents to 15 cents per lb., and every thing in the line of groceries and canned goods.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard

Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontometer and Gas for painless extracting.

—Oysters in quantity or cooked to your taste at Jones'. On the half shell.

—Because of Christmas falling on Friday the TRANSCRIPT will be issued a day earlier than usual. Patron will please remember this and be governed accordingly.

Its folly, to lose your poultry when the use of Bragdon's Poultry Remedy is guaranteed to you for 25 cents.

The Junior Auxiliary was very successful with the bazaar held last Saturday afternoon and evening, netting thirty dollars of the more than forty dollars received.

—We are well stocked in Soaps, such as W. H. Brown's Cold Cream and Glycerine, Jersey Cream, Palm Oil, Buttermilk, Cuticura etc. Prices are pleasing.

—VAUGHAN'S PHARMACY.

—The M. E. Church at Newark has a new church organ which will be used for the first time at the Christmas service.

—If you want blankets to put your horses in condition for the sale, we have them and will sell them to you in large lots at quantity prices. Wholesale & Retail.

J. C. PARKER.

—Rev. Vaughn S. Collins has been unanimously invited by the New Castle Official Board of the M. E. Church there to continue his pastorate another year.

—Get Minneapolis flour for the Christmas cookies, at Saterfield's. It is the best flour in the market, and makes the sweetest, whitest bread.

—Mrs. Lotie Brockton, of Blackbird, gave a very instructive lesson in Bible study at the Epworth League meeting last Friday evening.

—Mrs. Rorer gave the first of a series of lectures in Wilmington Wednesday, January 7 and 11 are the dates of her next two lectures which will be given at the News Century Club.

—Having decided to discontinue business we are now selling out our entire stock of millinery goods at greatly reduced prices; an entire new stock of trimmed and untrimmed hats and bonnets in velvet and felt; also ribbons, flowers, feathers and ornaments. Bargains for buyers before Dec. 25.

—MISS ECKHART.

—A "Y" was organized at New Castle Monday evening by Miss May G. Thompson, of Delaware City, the district organizer of the Y. W. C. T. U. Miss Lucille Martindale was made president of the new union.

—Mrs. Massey has more pretty things this week to which she wishes to call attention. Toilet, desk and work basket appointments; jewelry, table, mantle and side board decorations in silver and cut glass; a large assortment of pretty little things at small cost.

—Rev. Henry Baker, D. D., of St. Paul's Church, Newark, N. J., has been invited to the pastorate of Grace M. E. Church, Wilmington, and has accepted the invitation. At the conference agree he will enter upon the duties of the charge about April 1.

—Mrs. Fannie Lockwood has begun her mid-winter sale of millinery, at bargain prices. Newest winter styles in trimmed hats and bonnets. She also has a fine assortment of stamped linen dollies, carvers and center pieces, with every color and shade in embroidery silk.

—Mrs. Chas. B. Prettyman, of Dover, died on Sunday, after an illness of only a few days of typhoid fever. Her husband is a well known shoe merchant of Dover and a brother of Mr. Edwin Prettyman, of this city.

—The large Wholesale Grocery Firm of Quigley and Mullin of Wilmington failed on Thursday for \$70,000. It is claimed their assets exceed their liabilities. The failure involved Ex-Rup. George W. Gray who is in the same business.

—If you want flowers of any kind remember that Pennock Company, Wilmington, can supply you at short notice. Mail orders receive prompt attention and by careful attention in packing, flowers may be sent to any part of the Peninsula and arrive at destination in good condition.

—If every farmer in Delaware would read the article on the fourth page, "Find out how you stand," and then observe its directions there would be less complaint of "hard times" than there is at present.

—The farmer applies to the business men. It pays to "find out how you stand."

—Mrs. C. M. Barnett continues her closing-out sale of dry goods, trimmings and millinery goods. The early comers are come-agains, which is proof of their satisfaction with the bargains advertised last week. She offers dress linings and trimmings at a great reduction this week. Also fancy goods and notions.

—Clarence Wright, a colored boy 14 years old, was fatally shot by the accidental firing of a revolver in the hands of a clerk in Mr. Salmon's store at Summit Bridge one day last week and died Friday at a Philadelphia hospital where he was taken for treatment. His funeral was on Sunday, his body having been brought to Summit Bridge for burial.

—Mr. William Urruh who has resided on the Williams farm near the mill for some years has decided to move to his own farm near Bridgeville about New Years. One who has lived with Mr. Urruh and knows the family well says, "we never expect to have kinder neighbors than Mr. Urruh's family have been and the whole community regrets to have him leave."

—William M. Bell, executor of Ann E. Bayley, deceased, offered at public sale last Saturday two tracts of land situated in Blackbird hundred. No. 1, containing 141 acres, situated on the road leading from Blackbird to Taylor's Bridge, was purchased by William M. Bell for \$2700. No. 2, containing 163 acres, situated on the road leading from Taylor's Bridge to Fleming's Landing, was purchased by James T. Statts, for \$600.

—The indications are for a "white Christmas." Winter has made his appearance, and having wrapped the earth in a mantle of snow, has set the pace of Christmas shoppers to the merry tune of sleighbells. There was a very heavy snowfall Tuesday night, and snow-balling, sleighing and sleighing have been the pleasant diversions of the week. The air is clear and crisp giving tone and vigor to the globe dwellers, and the beautiful moonlight nights invite the merry makers out, and they turn out in force in whatever tuneful music, for the Christmas spirit is abroad.

—Constitutional Convention.

The convention is getting down to earnest work having passed through the necessary preliminaries. Two important committees have reported—Committee on Elections and Committee on Governance and other executive officers. The former committee proposes to substitute a registration fee for the poll tax so obnoxious as it has become under the collectors. The section against bribery will be strengthened with the idea of electing that evil.

—The Committee on Governance proposes to invest that official with veto powers such as the President of the United States exercises, and to create a Board of Pardons, comprising the Chancellor, Speaker of the Senate, Attorney General and Secretary of State, the recommendation of any three of them being necessary to the granting a pardon.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

(If you have been away on a visit, or have visited your home send us the news, and we will be pleased to publish it in the Transcript. We are always pleased to publish any items of personal or local interest and cordially invite our patrons to furnish us the facts.)

—Miss Grace Benson spent several days this week in Philadelphia.

—Miss Bessie Bishop, who has been ill of scarlet fever at her home near town, is convalescing.

—Miss Lotie Jones is acting as substitute teacher in Department No. 2 during the illness of Miss Ida Howell.

—Miss Emma Jones, of York, Pa., who was the guest of Miss Helen Clayton this week, will return home to-day.

—Miss Laura Beaton has returned home after a protracted visit to her sisters in Philadelphia and Willow Grove, Pa.

—Mrs. Wm. H. Houston has gone to Baltimore where she will spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Naudain.

—Mr. Martin E. Walker, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Maria Walker at the Middletown Hotel.

—Mr. C. N. Dodd, of Philadelphia, was in town several days this week, arranging for the sale of his house on Crawford Street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Pool attended the reception of Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Heisel at their first "at home," in Delaware City, Wednesday evening.

—Mrs. George S. Moyer and Mrs. Simon Snyder, of Rockborough, Pa., were guests at Mr. Joshua Clayton's this week, having attended the Clayton-Ellison nuptials.

—Mrs. Offrey and Miss Mollie Droll were in Philadelphia on Wednesday, Mrs. Wm. Taylor having taken them to see the beautiful Christmas display in the city.

—Miss Mary Budd, who has been unable to teach for a number of weeks, because of illness, resumed her school duties this week, much to the delight of her pupils.

—Mrs. Joseph Biggs has been confined to her room for over two weeks, suffering from a return of the lung trouble from which she was so ill during the summer.

—Mrs. Ransom has moved from Lake Street to the house on Anderson Street recently vacated by Mr. James Bradley, who has moved to Main street at the East End.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Nickerson, of Taylor's Bridge, have issued cards to the wedding of their daughter, Miss Katie, to Mr. Harry Lee Hurlock, on Wednesday Dec. 23rd at noon.

—Mr. Wm. Price is very ill at his home, on South Broad Street. He has been a great sufferer from Sciatica for several months and during the past week he became so much worse that he was not expected to live.

—Mr. Chas. Ernest has resigned his post as cutter at the Shirt Factory, and has taken up his abode in Philadelphia with his mother and sister. Mr. George Hall, having recently returned to Middletown, is Mr. Ernest's successor at the Factory.

—The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Metten will regret to learn that they have decided to leave this neighborhood, they having resided at "Lone Manor," the farm of Capt. Samuel Pennington, near town for twenty-two years. Mr. Metten has rented of Mr. L. W. Mustard, a nephew of Governor-elect Tunnell, the residence farm of the late Harbison Hickman, situated at Lewes station and one of the finest farms in the State. They will probably go to the "good old Sussex" sometime next month.

It will go... Right to the spot

Ayer's Hair Vigor will go right to that bald spot and begin to bring the hair back.

It Makes Hair Grow.

Uncollected Letters.

List of uncollected letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised.

Mattie Lofland, Noah Thomas.

MIDDLETOWN MARKETS.

PRODUCE.	
Creamery Butter, lb.	20c
Country Butter, lb.	18c
Eggs, doz.	20c
Pork, lb.	10c
Poultry, lb.	12c
Spring chickens.	15c
Apples per basket.	25c

GRAIN.

Wheat, No. 1, bus.	90c
Wheat, No. 2, bus.	88c
Timothy Seed, bus.	2 00
Clover Seed, bus.	1 50
Corn, yellow, bus.	20c
Corn, cob, bus.	20c
Oats, bus.	20c

MRS. CAROLINE J. SMITH.

AGED 75 YEARS.

Mrs. Caroline J. Smith died on Saturday evening at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Martin B. Burris, whom she had been visiting since Nov. 5. She was not well when she came, having some trouble with her stomach but there was no reason to apprehend anything serious, and as she was receiving careful medical attention for her malady, her friends were hopeful of her restoration to health. She was in good spirits, able to go about, and was interested in all that went on around her, and was planning for Christmas and the presents she would make.

On Tuesday at noon, while standing by the table, in the act of taking some medicine, she was stricken with paralysis, and after four days illness she passed peacefully away.

Mrs. Smith was the sister of the late John W. Wright, of this town, with whom she made her home for a number of years, having been engaged in the millinery business both in Odessa and Middletown. Her last years, however, she spent at Ocean Grove, N. J. She was born at Cornwall, Conn., April 6, 1821, and was the last survivor of a family of ten. She was early married to Mr. Chas. Smith, a contractor, at Wilkesbarre, Pa., whose death two weeks after their marriage was the great sorrow of her life. She was a woman of unusual strength and force of character, great and methodical in business and had the highest and strictest sense of business and social honor.

She was a member of the M. E. Church, and during all her life was devoted to that communion and its interests.

Her funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, at the residence of Martin B. Burris, Esq., on North Broad Street. Rev. I. L. Wood officiating. Interment at Cornwall, Conn. Her nephews, Mr. Wright Hall, Esq., of Millbrook, N. J. and W. E. Wright, Esq., of Philadelphia, accompanied the remains to their last resting place in the family burial ground, leaving here on the early morning express Wednesday.

Pastors' Appeal.

To the citizens of Middletown and vicinity:

The parable of the Good Samaritan is of universal application, but at no time does it seem more applicable than in the present efforts for the relief of the stricken and suffering Armenians, whose persecution at the hands of the Turks has shocked Christendom. Our President, in his recent message to Congress has described it as "the bloodiest chapter in our nation's history." There are at least half a million of these devoted people who have been driven from their homes, and their land waste, and their sources of supply cut off, and unless they shall have immediate relief from the Christian nations they must soon perish from exposure and starvation. This season of general festivities it is peculiarly proper that we, who have been so greatly favored, should come to their relief and in order to facilitate your response to this urgent call, boxes will be placed in the Post Office and in each of the churches in which any contribution may be deposited. Earnestly urging you to respond promptly and generously to this most worthy cause we are yours in the Gospel.

ISAAC L. WOOD,
FRANCIS H. MOORE,
WILLIAM J. WILKIE.

Christmas Benefit.

"Tristie, or the Wizard of Fogg Island," the 3rd Comedy, which will be presented in the Opera House, Christmas night, for the benefit of Y. M. C. A. and the Crescent Club, is said to be humorous and interesting from beginning to end.

The following is the cast:

Anthony Webber, Mr. T. A. P. Bordley
King Webber, "Harry D. Bond
Clifford Ellison, "John Farris
Ward, "T. J. Saydam
Terry Plangman, "G. J. G. Messer
Penny Ann, "Wm. Rose
Martha Webber, Miss Bernice Metten
Jennie, "Maxwell
"Katie Vannant

DELAWARE CITY.

Mrs. Harry Clark was in Philadelphia this week.

Miss Agnes Vail spent Sunday with Miss Bessie Price.

Mrs. Charles Pannocast has been visiting friends in Camden.

Malcolm Reynolds has secured a position in Wilmington.

Mrs. Mary Smith, of State Road, was in town on Saturday.

J. Watson, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Bayard Heisel gave a reception on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Fred T. Eagle, of New Castle, spent Sunday with relatives in town.

The Miss Society met at the home of Mrs. Green on Thursday evening.

The Daughters of the King met at Mrs. George Price's on Monday evening.

Mrs. M. A. Homan has returned from a protracted visit to friends in Wilmington.

The Young People's Missionary Society met at the Maize on Thursday evening.

Gilbert Green from near Smyrna was entertained on Sunday by Miss A. Schunder.

Misses Nellie Ganser, Annie Morris and Mattie Price visited Wilmington on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson from near, Bancroft's Mills spent Sunday with William Wingate, Sr.

The Women's Home Mission society of the Presbyterian Church met on Friday evening in the lecture room immediately after prayer meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Clark attended the wedding of Miss Mary C. Johnson and Mr. J. W. Clayton on Wednesday evening in the P. E. Church at Chesapeake City.

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Bright attended the wedding of Miss M. McWhorter and William Janvier of near McDonough in the Presbyterian Church at St. Georges on Wednesday evening.

Send Us the News.

A good piece of advice to people who live in the country is to take up the habit of waiting for the newspaper from their neighborhood. It is a pleasant diversion as well as a profitable one to the mind and facilitates the passing of leisure moments. Time spent in gathering up the happenings of a neighborhood is a good practice to the mind, as it cultivates detail and accuracy—two things which a great many lack in this busy rush of life. Then, there is a sense of gratification indescribable in reading something written by one's self. Newspapers are nearly always pleased to hear from any of their friends in the country and take great pleasure in publishing the items of news they gather and send.

Notice--Election!

NEW CASTLE CO. NAT. BANK, OF ODESSA, DE.
December 10th, 1896
The stockholders annual meeting for the election of Nine Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held in the banking house on Wednesday, January 8th, 1897, between the hours of 10 o'clock, a. m. and 1 p. m.
JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

Notice--Election!

PEOPLES NAT. BANK, OF MIDDLETOWN, MIDDLETOWN, DE.
December 12th, 1896
The annual election for Ten Directors will be held at the banking house, on Saturday, January 25th, 1897, between the hours of 10 A. M., and 12 o'clock, noon.
GEO. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

—OF—
REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order of Chancellor of the State of Delaware, made the 8th day of December, A. D. 1896, will be exposed to sale at public vendue, on

Wednesday, December 30, '96

AT 9:30 O'CLOCK, A. M.

At the Hotel of J. L. Dickinson, Townsend, Delaware, the following described real estate late of Jacob Hill, deceased, to-wit:

All that certain tract or parcel of land, situate in Blackbird hundred, New Castle County aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Bounded by lands of John C. Patterson, now deceased, by lands of Helveston, by lands late of Samuel Lindsay and lands late of E. L. Cochran and others, containing

194 ACRES OF LAND,

be the same more or less.

It is ordered by the Chancellor that the said Trustee make return of this proceedings in the execution of this order to an adjourned term of the Court of Chancery, to be held at Wilmington, on Saturday, the 31 day of January, A. D. 1897.

Attendance will be given and terms made known by

MARTIN B. BURRIS, Trustee.

COLEMAN FARRINGTON, Register in Chancery.

Wm. B. Sharp & Co.

FOURTH and MARKET STS.,
Wilmington, Del.

Open every evening until Christmas.

One thousand yards best quality jolassic Gingham for dresses and skirts, all in 10 and 12-yard lengths. They are in new patterns and our regular 12 1/2c. Dress Gingham. We shall sell these for special holiday gifts at 6c. per yard.

In addition to the magnificent line of covered and uncovered Down Pillows we have on display in our upholstery department, we are making great inducements to Curtain buyers, and can show you from 50c. to \$1.50 per pair Lace and Thin Curtains remarkable for cheapness and beauty.

Skin Rugs and Baby Carriage Rugs, animal shape and plain colors.

Grey and White, Black and Grey, Grizzly, Brown Bear, Tiger, Leopard, from \$2.25 to \$5.00.

Some late arrivals in Novelty Dress Goods will make good and useful holiday giving at much reduced prices.

50 and 75c. qualities for 35 and 50c.

Pillow Cases made of good muslin 42 and 45 inches wide at 8 and 9c. each. Hemstitched Pillow Cases 12 1/2c. each, 45 inches wide.

Umbrellas for gifts are always much sought after, and we are well provided with all the prettiest handles in natural woods, horn, ivory and pearl, suitable alike for men, women and children, from 50c. to \$6.00.

Fine Spool Cotton and Knitting Cotton, put up in gift boxes, always useful and pretty to hang on your tree, 10, 20 and 25c. each.

Another lot of those fine California Blankets with handsome blue or pink borders, put up in nice gift boxes. \$3.95 instead of \$5.00.

We have a beautiful assortment of Irish Point Bureau Scarfs, Washstand Scarfs, Table Covers, Pillow Shams, Carving and Tray Cloths, Doylies and Pillow Covers. These are all in exquisite designs and will make a useful, ornamental and highly artistic effect whenever used. They cost from 50 cents to \$2 each; are put up in boxes and one of the most desirable things for a small outlay that your Christmas buying could suggest.

Dress Patterns of Simpson's best Prints, 10 yards 60 cents.

Dress Patterns of Simpson's Henrietta finish Satine 10 yards each, \$1.25.

WM. B. SHARP & CO.

Read the Transcript

Christmas Greetings

AT DeValinger's

CHEAP CASH STORE

... SPECIAL SALE OF ...

Christmas Candies, Nuts, Fruits, and Poultry

Pure Mixtures, 7 cents a pound

Fancy "10" 10 cents a pound

Beautiful Clear Toys, 10c a pound.

Best French Mixtures, 15c a pound.

Cream Mixtures, 17c a pound.

Cape Cod Cranberries, 8c a quart.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

C. DeVALINGER.

Goldie College

The past year from all over the Peninsula, 8 states and 122 places, 366 students (100 ladies) crowded to this institution—famous for getting young people rapidly "on in the world." NEVER since the founding of Goldie College has there been such a large attendance. NEVER before has there been such a large attendance. NEVER before has there been such a large attendance.

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“FIRST APPEARANCES ARE OED TO BE EVERY-thing. I don't put all my faith into this sayin'; I think Oysters and Kiams, for instance, will bear looking into.”—Josh Billings.

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Volunteer Hose Company, meets Sat. Fri-

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL. DEC. 19, 1896

Of Interest

To Farmers

FIND OUT HOW YOU STAND.

BY A MAN OF BUSINESS.

Some of my neighbors are better farm-

ers than I am, some are worse, but

none of them are more systematic in

matters of business. It was this close

management that enabled me to make

a success of my factory, and I find the

same business principles even more

necessary on my farm or it will "run

away with me." Presumably because

my friends say I practice with some

success what I preach on this score, I

have been invited to give some brief

talks on business points for farmers

who aim to make a profitable business

of agriculture.

SQUARE UP OLD ACCOUNTS.

In the first place, my plan is to find

out in December just how I stand.

Then one can make a fair start with

the new year. First, if I have any open

accounts, efforts are made to settle them.

Most of us have unsettled trades or

accounts with one or more persons with

whom we have been doing business.

Too often such a matter is allowed to

run along in a loose sort of way until

it gets bigger than was anticipated, or

becomes a source of dispute, bad feel-

ing and possibly a law suit. It is worth

while to make a good deal of an effort

to square up such accounts. If the

settlement shows that you owe a bal-

ance, pay it if possible in cash or trade,

especially if you can get a discount off

for doing so. If it appears that the

other man owes you, it is equally im-

portant to square up the matter, and if

you have doubts about it, it is better to

pay, you had better sacrifice something

now to fix it up than run the risk of a

bigger loss later. The least that can

be done is to have a perfect understand-

ing of the account. Even if the bal-

ance is not settled, both parties then

know exactly how much it is. This

done, you are in shape to

TAKE AN INVENTORY.

I get everything ready for this before

Christmas, so the job can be complete

before January 1. First I make full

list of everything on the farm—different

total of what you owe, constitute your
liabilities. If the latter exceed the
former, you are by so much "in a hole!"
If your assets exceed your liabilities,
you are that much ahead—unless you
have decided yourself by putting too
high a value on your inventory. If you
have any doubts on that score reduce
by 5, 10 or 20 per cent the value of the
doubtful items, or charge off a small
per cent from the whole inventory for
depreciation.

THE USE OF AN INVENTORY.

Even if you don't keep a book ac-

count during the year, your inventory

this December, if compared with the

one taken a year ago, will show what

you have gained or lost during the

year. It will show how the list of your

stock, crops, etc., compares now with

then. It will be an eye-opener to any

farmer, however good or poor it may be.

I copy my full inventory after Christ-

mas in a blank book reserved for the

purpose. This month will be the ninth

annual inventory written in this book.

The comparison between the items and

the total of the different years is fasci-

inating, instructive and valuable. I

shall do a good deal of figuring and

thinking over these comparisons this

winter. In these times, farmers must

do this much or not wonder if they fail

to get ahead. Those who do this once,

usually keep it up. Why? Because it

pays and pays big.—American Agri-

culturist.

A Nameless Gift.

When Sister Mary began it she in-

tended it to be a lamp mat, and the re-

ceiver was to be my Cousin Sarah.

Sister Mary is rather touchy about

some things, but I never knew any-

thing to affect her so severely as the

mere mention of that lamp mat does

now. In fact, I studiously refrain

from all mention of it unless I particu-

larly wish to rile her.

Cousin Sarah and Sister Mary are

about the same age. I shall not men-

tion Sister Mary's age, as she is still

unmarried (having broken with the

doctor that Christmas), but I think I

am allowed to state that Cousin Sarah

was 45 last August, for, since she is

married, she is not so particular about

concealing her years.

Of course Sister Mary would never

have attempted making a lamp mat

(for she had never crocheted one be-

fore) if Cousin Sarah had not bought

the Dresden lamp, so I blame the whole

trouble on the Dresden lamp.

The lamp mat began all right, with

a little round flat center. Sister Mary

got that finely. But as the size in-

creased the thing seemed to curl up

around the edge, like the tail of a dried

herring, and the larger it grew the

more it curled up, until it got to be

the shape of a china wash basin. I don't

know what was wrong with it, for I

am not an expert in that line, but be-

fore the lamp mat was complete Sister

Mary decided to call it a bag of some

sort or other, and put ribbons on it for

handles and a tassel on the bottom.